करें और ग्राम स्तरों पर सतर्कता समितियां गठित करें। प्रधान मंत्री महोदय ने 1-1-92 को बाड़मेर में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को नया रूप देने के लिये एक योजना का शुभारंभ किया है । राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों तथा इस मंत्रालय द्वारा भी इस योजना की प्रगति की नियमित रूप से परिवीक्षा की जा रही है। अन्य क्षेत्रों में भी सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को मजबूत और सुप्रवाही बनाने का कार्य एक निरन्तर जारी रहने वाली प्रक्रिया है ।

447 *[Transferred to the 6th March* 1992]

Changes in the Coal Policy

447. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the changes made in the Coal Policy since the budget 1991-92 was passed ;

(b) whether these changes have affected the economy adversely ; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Coal assesses the demand of coal, plans the production programme and provides necessary help and guidance in the process of production and satisfaction of consumer demand. The coal policy of the Government thus aims at satisfying the coal demand by production of planned quantity of coal efficiently and economically with due regard to quality, safety, conservation and environment. There have been no changes In this position since the budge/ of 1991-92.

Shortage of Coal and other fuels in Bihar

448. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is acute shortage of coal and other fuels in most parts of Bihar particularly in Barauni Industrial Areas of Begusarai ;

(b) whether Government have received any representation for opening a coal dump unit at Berauni Begusarai to meet out the fuel demand and for generating employment in these areas ; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to taken, in meeting the public demand of the areas ? .

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) to (c) According to available information there is no acute shortage of coal and other fuels in most parts of Bih?r including Barauni Industrial Area of Begusarai. In line with the present policy on stockyards, Coal India Limited is encouraging and assisting the State Governments and their undertakings in setting up and managing coal stockyards. The initiative for setting up a coal stockyard at Barauni Begusarai therefore has to be taken by the Government of Bihar.

Losses suffered by Coal India Limited

449. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have increased the prices of coal to reduce the losses suffered by Coal India Limited ;